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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Security
Attorney General's Office

SUBJECT: Yaroslav Stetsko

1. It is requested that Yaroslav Stetsko be denied an entry permit into the United States for a period of at least one year. It is believed that he is now attempting to get a visitor's visa from one of our consulates in Canada to visit the United States.

2. As a member of the ~~Ukrainian Nationalists~~ (foreign section of the organization of the Ukrainian nationalists led by Stefan Bandera -- this is not to be confused with the newly formed organization with a similar title as authorized by the U.S. in the Ukraine to supersede the one formerly headed by Stefan Bandera), it is suspected that he desires to visit the United States to contact certain Ukrainians here who are either members of this organization or who are sympathetic to it for the purpose of strengthening the ~~Ukrainian Nationalists~~ in its opposition to the new ~~Ukrainian~~. At present, the new ~~Ukrainian~~ is in accord with the U.S. (foreign representation of the Ukrainian Supreme Council of Liberation) which organization U.S. is and has been supporting, while the ~~Ukrainian Nationalists~~ is in opposition to it. Thus any suspected action by Yaroslav Stetsko against the ~~Ukrainian~~ in behalf of ~~Ukrainian Nationalists~~ would be detrimental to the best interests of U.S. and the United States.

3. It must be said in all fairness to Yaroslav Stetsko that while certain principles of his organization, as applicable to how an independent Ukraine should be governed, are contrary to that of the United States, he by no means is pro-Communist and should not be considered a threat to the security of the United States. Therefore, after certain problems are settled in the Ukrainian emigre organizations, namely after the new ~~Ukrainian~~ has become well grounded as a successor to the organization once headed by Stefan Bandera, there is no reason why Yaroslav Stetsko should not be granted permission to visit the United States if he so wishes. It is believed that within a year this should come to pass, at which time this request to deny him a visitor's visa should no longer be valid.

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